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SUBJ: UNCTAD: IGG ON LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES-ADDITIONAL G-77 PROPOSALS

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1. IN ADDITION TO TEXTS TRANMITTED REFTTEL, FOLLOWING G-77
LANGUAGE SUBMITTED THIS AFTERNOON: BEGIN TEXT

B. COMMERICAL POLICY MEASURES

I. RECOMMENDS

1. ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
IN COMMODITY AGREEMENTS IN A FLEXIBLE AND FAVOURABLE MANNER DESIGNED
TO ENSURE THE UNHINDERED MARKETING OF THEIR PRODUCTION OF SUCH
COMMODITIES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS,
BEARING IN MIND THE CHARACTERISTICS PECULIAR TO EACH PRODUCT,
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WHILE ENSURING THAT THE INTEREST OF THE OTHER DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES ARE NOT INJURED OR PREJUDICED IN ANY MANNER.

2. A SPECIAL PROVISION INCLUDING EXEMPTION FROM FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ANY FUTURE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES.

3. EXTENSION OF GSP TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN BOTH PROCESSED AND NON-PROCESSED FORM OF EXPORT INTEREST TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

4. PENDING THE COMPLETE REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS FOR ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THE IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE REMOVAL OF SUCH BARRIERS INCLUDING CEILINGS, QUOTAS AND SAFEGUARD CLAUSES SPECIFICALLY FOR PRODUCTS FOR PRESENT AND POTENTIAL EXPORT INTEREST TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

5. LIBERALIZATION ON THE RULES OF ORIGIN IN RESPECT OF PRODUCTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

6. MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THE IMF'S COMPENSATORY FINANCING ARRANGEMENT FOR EXPORT SHORTFALLS, SHOULD PROVIDE FOR LESS EXACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

7. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD ASSIST THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER FROM PLANNING, PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION STAGES TO THE STAGE OF ENSURING SALES OF THEIR PRODUCTS AT REMUNERATIVE PRICES.

II. REQUEST THE PREFERENCE-GIVING COUNTRIES TO FORMULATE SUCH MODALITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GSP AS TO FAVOUR, IN PARTICULAR, THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

III. RECOMMENDS THAT THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GRANTED SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE EARLY PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, GIVING PRIORITY TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS BOTH IN THEIR NATURAL AND PROCESSED FORMS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE TOKYO DECLARATION.

IV. REQUESTS GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE:

1. TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM GUARANTEES OF A REASONABLE LEVEL OF SALES OF THE PRODUCTS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

2. TO GIVE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT, IN THE CASE OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, TO IMPORTS FROM THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

V. RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES AND IN OTHER MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS AFFECTING THE IMPORTS OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE BURDEN

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OF IMPORT COSTS ON THESE COUNTRIES THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CONCESSION PRICE ARRANGEMENTS, OR ESPECIALLY FAVOURABLE FINANCING TERMS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL IMPORTS.

C. LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES

REQUESTS THE TRANSIT COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES FOR LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES CONTAINED IN CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 63(III) AND THE DAKAR DECLARATION

OF FEB, 1975.

D. TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

REQUESTS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

1. TO CO-OPERATE WITH SUCH COUNTRIES, FOR INSTANCE BY THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR CONSOLIDATION OF INFORMATION CENTRES AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTES WHERE APPROPRIATE;
2. TO ASSIST THE SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS OF THESE COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN THE RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH APPLICABLE TO THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TO FURNISH SUCH RESULTS IF POSSIBLE;
3. TO PROVIDE THE EASIEST TERMS, CONDITIONS AND AT A MINIMUM COST THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
4. TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP THEIR INDIGENEOUS TECHNOLOGY.
5. TO GRANT THOSE PATENTED AND NON-PATENTED TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOWS WHICH ARE SUITED TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC CONDITION.
6. IN ORDER TO COMPENSATE THE BRAIN-DRAIN OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD GRANT TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW IN THE FORM OF HIGHLY SKILLED EXPERTS.

E. SHIPPING AND PROMOTIONAL FREIGHT RATES

REQUESTS

1. THAT GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INVITE SHIPOWNERS AND LINER CONFERENCES TO ESTABLISH FREIGHT TARIFFS FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN EXPANDING THE EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE OF THESE COUNTRIES, AND TO DEVELOP PROMOTIONAL RATES FOR THE NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH WILL FACILITATE OPENING NEW MARKETS AND DEVELOPING NEW TRADE FLOWS.
2. THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GIVE HIGH PRIORITY IN THE FINANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ASSISTING THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ACQUIRE AND EXPAND NATIONAL MERCHANT FLEETS.

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F. ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

REQUESTS

1. THE MORE INDUSTRIALIZED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO IMPORTS OF GOODS PRODUCED BY THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
2. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO TO PROVIDE INCREASED FLOWS OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;
3. THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND UNIDO TO SET UP COMMITTEES FOR INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION WITH A VIEW TO EXAMINING AND SOLVING THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THIS RESPECT.

G. DIRECTIONS OF FUTURE WORK

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO STRENGTHEN THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES OF UNCTAD IN THE PLANNING AND

POLICIES OF THE FOREIGN TRADE SECTOR OF THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN EFFORTS FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION,
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTION AND TRADE,
SHIPPING AND PORTS, TRADE FACILITATION, INSURANCE, RESTRICTIVE
BUSINESS PRACTICES AND OTHER AREAS OF UNCTAD COMPETENCE ON BEHALF
OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND IN PARTICULAR TO SEEK TO
INSTITUTE A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN
THE FOREGIN TRADE SECTOR
REQUESTS ALSO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO IMPLEMENT THE
WORK PROGRAMME
CONTAINED IN TD/B/AC.17/2 PART IV STRESSING ALSO THE NEED OF
IN-DEPTH STUDY OF THE
CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE INDIVIDUAL LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTREIES.
REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CONVENE, AS NECESSARY
GROUPS OF EXPERTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME.
END TEXT

2. TWO ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS TABLE BY G-77, ONE TO WELCOME THE
FOUR ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES DESIGNATED BY CDP INTO LEAST
DEVELOPED RANKS AND SECOND TO ESTABLISH IGG AS CONTINUING
BODY WITH SAME TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: USDEL FIND SECTION B I, II AND III ENTIRELY
OBJECTIONABLE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO GAIN SUBSTITUTION OF
GROUP B TEXT GENERALLY ENDORSING TOKYO DECLARATION IN ITS
PLACE. COMMENTS ON B IV WELCOMED. B V WE FIND PREMATURE
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SINCE NO AGREEMENT ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM YET EXISTS.
SECTION C IS OUTSIDE OF SCOPE OF IGG TERMS OF REFERENCE.
D5 AND 6 UNACCEPTABLE AND NOT NEGOTIABLE. E 1 WE
BELIEVE NOT ACCEPTABLE AND HAVE DOUBTS OF PRACTICALITY
OF E2. G, FIRST SUGGESTION SHOULD BE ADDRESSED UNDP
RATHER THAN UNCTAD; WE BELIEVE WORK PROGRAM OF STUDIES
(AC.17/1) SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ONLY IN CONSULTATION
OTHER AGENCIS TO PREVENT DUPLICATION AND WITHIN
RESOURCES AVAILABLE (BY REDIRECTION OF PRIORITIES AWAY
FROM OTHER G-77 PET PROJECTS). THE BLANKET CALL IN
PARA G FOR EXPERT GROUPS NOT ACCEPTABLE. WE PERCEIVE
THERE WOULD BE NO OBJECTION TO FIRST OF ADDITIONAL
G-77 TEXTS ON NEW MEMBERS OF RLDC, BUT THAT CONTINUATION
OF IGG AS PERMANENET BODY REMAINS UNACCETABLE. WE
MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR ONE ADDITIONAL SESSION OF IGG,
HOPEFULLY SOME 18 MONTHS HENCE. ABRAMS

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